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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: DOD Meeting to Consider FAB - Flying Air
Base System of Mapping

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25X1A5a1 I have been informed by [REDACTED] that a Department of Defense meeting on the FAB system will be held at Arlington Hall at 1000 hours, 30 September 1958. In attendance will be Mr. Willis Foster, DOD/RAE; Dr. Leonard Wilson, Chairman; Dr. Kott, ARPA; Col. Henderson, WSEG; Sam Clemmings, Chief of Planning under Dr. Foote; Captain Crews, USN; Lt. Col. Drysdale, Air Force; Col. Joseph Smith, Army.

2. FAB stands for flying air base, and represents an advanced system for geodetic breakdown of the entire globe on a completely new reference datum. The system, in short, will consist of photographic aircraft flying over-lap flight lines while simultaneously recording the distance and Azimuth between planes as the photography is being taken. The distance and Azimuth will be recorded directly on the film. In addition to the flying, FAB will also provide a data reduction and storage facility which would ultimately hope to obtain a complete library index of World Photography.

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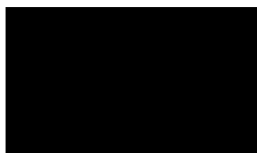
3. It is planned that [REDACTED] Chief of the PIC Coordination and Control Staff (x624), will represent PIC and it is suggested that any other DD/I representatives interested in attending this meeting or hearing about its results make contact with [REDACTED]

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